

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

61 [0008] Referring to the drawings, the steering column assembly includes an intermediate steering ~~column drive~~ shaft 1 for connection at its lower end to a universal joint 2 with a lower steering ~~column drive shaft~~ (not shown), the intermediate drive shaft 1 being coupled through a universal joint 3 at its upper end to a central drive shaft 4 that passes through a steering column mounting bracket 5. The upper end 4A of the central ~~column~~ drive shaft 4, remote from the universal joint 3, has means for mounting a steering wheel (not shown) on it.

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Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

62 [0011] The central ~~steering column drive shaft~~ 4 is also arranged to be collapsible in the event of vehicle crash and is mounted in two rotary bearings 10A and 10B (Fig. 3) each connecting the central ~~steering column drive shaft~~ 4